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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Estimate of the Optimum Time of Year for  
War to Commence, From the Soviet Viewpoint

1. It is requested that CIA prepare an estimate for the Joint Intelligence Group, indicating the optimum time of year for war to commence from the Soviet point of view, considering all factors other than purely military factors. It is to be assumed that simultaneous or nearly simultaneous campaigns would be undertaken in

a. Western Europe, including Italy and Sicily but excluding the Iberian Peninsula.

b. Scandinavia.

c. The Near East, including Turkey, Greece and including the Suez-Cairo area.

d. The Far East, including China, Korea, Japan and the Philippines.

2. This information is requested as a matter of priority.

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